

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 77

Introduced by Assembly Member La Suer

December 23, 2002

An act to amend Section 170048 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to airports.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 77, as introduced, La Suer. San Diego County Regional Airport Authority.

Existing law provides that the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority has exclusive responsibility within its area of jurisdiction to study, plan, and implement any improvements, expansions, or enhancements at existing and future airports within its control.

This bill would exclude the sphere of influence of the unincorporated community of San Diego County known as Ramona from the authority's exclusive responsibilities to study, plan, and implement any improvements, expansion, or enhancements at existing or future airports.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 170048 of the Public Utilities Code is
2 amended to read:
3 170048. (a) The authority shall have the exclusive
4 responsibility within its area of its jurisdiction to study, plan, and
5 implement any improvements, expansion, or enhancements at

1 existing or future airports within its control, *except within the*
2 *sphere of influence of the unincorporated community of San Diego*
3 *County known as Ramona.*

4 (b) The authority may commission planning, engineering,
5 economic, and other studies to provide information to the board for
6 making decisions about the location, design, management, and
7 other features of future airports.

8 (c) The San Diego Association of Governments, or its
9 successor, shall cooperate with the authority to include all airport
10 system plans and facilities selected by the authority in the regional
11 transportation plan consistent with state and federal law.

12 (d) (1) Not later than March 1, 2002, the San Diego
13 Association of Governments and the port shall transfer and assign
14 to the authority all contracts in force for studying possible sites for
15 an airport, the economic viability and impact of an airport, the
16 environmental consequences of an airport, public opinion or
17 attitudes regarding an airport's location, and any other contracts
18 related to the location and development of an airport in the County
19 of San Diego.

20 (2) The contracts described in paragraph (1) shall include, but
21 need not be limited to, the contracts associated with the Joint
22 Aviation Advisory Committee.

23 (3) The transfer of contracts required under this subdivision
24 shall include the contemporaneous transfer of revenue from state
25 or federal grants, local funds, and other sources of revenue
26 committed to funding the contracts until their completion. The
27 authority shall accept all obligations, as well as all rights, included
28 in the transferred contracts.

29 (e) The policy direction for the study described in subdivision
30 (d) shall become the responsibility of the authority. The authority
31 shall consider the concepts and ideas of the San Diego Association
32 of Governments, the port, and other entities, both public and
33 private.

34 (f) The authority may continue the Joint Aviation Advisory
35 Committee to assist in conducting the analyses for determining a
36 site for a new airport.

37 (g) The authority, the San Diego Association of Governments,
38 local agencies, and the Department of Transportation shall
39 cooperate to develop effective surface transportation access to new
40 and existing airports.



1 (h) The authority shall adopt a comprehensive plan on the
2 future development of San Diego's regional international airport.
3 In developing its plan, the authority shall review all options of
4 alternative sites, including, but not limited to, expansion of the
5 existing airport site, use of current military installations that may
6 become available for civilian or mix-use, and other development
7 options available to address future airport needs. The authority
8 shall submit the particular site recommendation in the form of a
9 local ballot proposition to the San Diego County Registrar of
10 Voters for placement on either the November 2, 2004, or the
11 November 7, 2006, countywide election ballot.

